THE MINISTER OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The amount of money realised by way of disinvestment during the years 2000-01 and 2001-02 was Rs. 1,868.73 crore and Rs, 5,724.50 crore (inclusive of dividend: special interim dividend dividend tax, withdrawals from surplus etc.) respectively.

(c) to (e) As mentioned by the Finance Minsiter in his budget speech for the year 2001-2002, the disinvestment proceeds are to be used for providing restructuring assistance to PSUs safety net to workers, reduction of debt burden and additional budgetary support for the plan, primarily in the social and infrastructure sectors.

Funds for Developement Reform Facility

*112. SHRI NARENDRA MOHAN: Will the MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND PROVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that distribution of funds from Rs. 2500 crore development reform facility will be determined on the basis of State, poverty ratios;

(b) if so, where the States of Uttar Pradesh, Uttaranchal and Bihar stand in this scheme; and

(c) the number of districts which have been identified in these States for utilization of these funds and the projects which are to be financed out of them?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI ANANTH KUMAR) : (a) to (c) The development and reform facitlity is a new initiative introduced in current year budget with an allocation of Rs. 2500 crores. The Planning Commission has not finalised the modalities of the scheme.

Utilisation of cash advance funds after disinivestment of companies

†*113. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.